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EA/ANP PASS TO MICHAEL KELLY, COUNSEL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL

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1. THE AUSTRALIANS GENERALLY ARE NOT AWARE OF THE MARSTON AFFAIR NOR ARE THEY AWARE OF THE FBI BREAK-IN CASE. HOWEVER, SUBSTANTIAL PUBLICITY WAS GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH ON LAWYERS. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, THIS STRUCK A RESPONSIVE CHORD HERE. AMONG ITEMS THAT THE AUSTRALIANS ARE AWARE OF ARE: (1) HUMAN RIGHTS. THE AUSTRALIANS TEND TO ATTACH CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS AS A KEY ELEMENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. THIS QUESTION IS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE AN ABORIGINAL PROBLEM HERE ALONG WITH A HISTORY OF ANTI-ASIAN DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS JUST BEGINNING TO DISSIPATE. (2) KOREAGATE. THIS HAS RECEIVED MUCH PUBLICITY. (DOONSBURY APPEARS IN TWO AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS.) (3) DECLARATION OF ASSETS AND CAMPAIGN FUNDING ARE CURRENTLY UNDER SCRUTINY IN AUSTRALIA. AMONG OTHER TOUCH ISSUES, THE AUSTRALIANS ARE

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ACUTELY AWARE OF THE BAKKE CASE AND THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES, PARTICULARLY BOAT CASES ARRIVING IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA. SOME RECENT ATTENTION WAS ALSO GIVEN TO THE "BATTERED HUSBANDS" PROBLEM IN THE US, WELL AHEAD OF "BATTERED WIFE" AUSTRALIAN PROBLEM.

2. THE INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS WAS GRATIFIED TO RECEIVE THE PROBABLE TOPIC FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SPEECH SUBMITTED BY REFTEL. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY WANT TO ALTER THE TOPIC AT THE LAST MINUTE.

3. NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO USING SAME SPEECH ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION FOR THE LUNCHEON ON THE 14TH, AS WELL AS THE 19TH.

4. WE HAVE FACILITIES TO DUPLICATE SPEECHES IN CANBERRA SO IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO BRING COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SPEECHES WILL BE RECORDED ON ALL OCCASIONS.

5. NO RPT NO PROBLEM WITH GOLF CLUBS. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE. SUGGEST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BRING GOLF SHOES. SQUIRE

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